

was held up until we could draft a new fiscal note and amend the A bill and then we did vote on it last Friday when there was thirteen people excused. Consequently it lacked three votes being able to obtain enough votes to advance. Now that the bulk of the Senators are back, I think the bill deserves a square shot at getting moved. As you will all recall that I asked that 92 and 92 A both be moved to Final Reading. There we would bracket both these bills until we know what budget bills we're going to do, what we are going to do with the budget bills, how they will affect the state tax rates and if this particular bill will increase the rates, then even I will suggest that we not do it, but if we can get this bill moved to Final Reading along with the bill itself and this A bill moved to Final Reading, we'll bracket them on Final Reading and hold them until the budget bills are completed. It is for that reason I ask you not to indefinitely postpone 92 A. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: There are no further lights on. Senator Duis, I'm sorry.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Goodrich, you are bothering me a bit on this bill. If you are in favor of 92 and 92 A, I don't know why in the world you're asking us to advance these with your expectation of killing them. I hesitated the other day and didn't vote to advance 92 for the simple reason you made this statement. Now as the introducer of a piece of legislation, shouldn't you support it all the way across there and of course I'm wondering whether or not the situation you have in Omaha with the one half percent increase in sales tax is effecting your decision in regard to this bill, so I ask you at this time, does that particular piece of legislation of the half percent increase in sales tax in Omaha have any relationship with your thought of indefinitely postponing your own bill, 92 and 92 A?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Duis, I'll be happy to answer and you have a two part question there. One of which is...

SENATOR DUIS: I've only got a one part question.

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, you have a two part. One of which is the situation in Omaha on the half a cent which absolutely has nothing to do with this bill whatsoever because of the fact that the half a cent deals with City Government, not County Government. This particular bill deals with County Government. The other part of your question was does this bill have my full support? It absolutely does have my full support. Now, with one exception that I have said two or three times on this floor, that I will not force the rate of sixteen and three percent up. If this particular bill is going to do that, then I will have second thoughts about this bill. However, we won't know that until we get everything over on Final Reading, like we're moving all A bills to Final Reading where the actual bill itself passes and we're going to bracket them all on Final Reading until we see what the picture is and see what will fit and what will not fit in the sixteen and three percent.

SENATOR DUIS: All right, thank you very much. Now I still pose this question. Due to the fact that this bill of yours